

Dorgan Amendment No. 517, to impose a lifetime cap of \$1,000,000 on capital gains reduction.

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Bumpers Amendment No. 518, to repeal the depletion allowance available to certain hardrock mining companies.

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Durbin Amendment No. 519, to increase the deduction for health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, and to increase the excise tax on tobacco products.

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Roth Amendment No. 520, to provide for children's health insurance initiatives.

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Jeffords Amendment No. 522, to provide for a trust fund for District of Columbia school renovations.

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Withdrawn:

Allard Amendment No. 523, to strike section 881, providing for an extension of the Temporary Federal Unemployment Surtax.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Thursday, June 26, 1997.

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**Portrait Monument Ceremony:** By unanimous-consent, Senate agreed that the authorization contained in H. Con. Res. 216, passed in the 104th Congress, relating to use of the rotunda for a ceremony to commemorate the placement of the Portrait Monument in the Capitol Rotunda, be extended to the 105th Congress.

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**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation (Treaty Doc. 105–8).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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### Appointments:

**U.S. Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99–93, as amended by Public Law 99–151, appointed Senators Sessions and Feinstein as members of the U.S. Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control.

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**Commission to Assess the Organization of the Federal Government to Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction:** The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 104–293, appointed James J. Exon, of Nebraska, as a member of the Commission to Assess the Organization of the Federal Government to

Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Sonia Sotomayor, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Rudy deLeon, of California, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

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**Record Votes:** Sixteen record votes were taken today. (Total–130)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:20 a.m., and adjourned at 10:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 26, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6386.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AUTHORIZATION—U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION/COMMERCIAL SPACE TRANSPORTATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the United States Fire Administration and the Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, after receiving testimony from Carrye B. Brown, Administrator, United States Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Patricia Grace Smith, Acting Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; and Keith Calhoun-Senghor, Director, Office of Air and Space Commercialization, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Christopher Droney, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Katharine Sweeney Hayden, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Anthony W. Ishii, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Henry Harold Kennedy Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Clarence J. Sundram, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Droney was introduced by Senators Lieberman and Dodd, Ms. Hayden was introduced by Senator Lautenberg, Mr. Ishii was introduced by Senator Boxer and Representative Radanovich, Mr. Kennedy was introduced by Senator Thurmond and District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, and Mr. Sundram was introduced by Senator Moynihan.

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee resumed hearings on campaign finance reform proposals, focusing on whether union political contributions are made with voluntarily-paid dues money, and S. 9, to protect individuals from having their money involuntarily collected and used for politics

by a corporation or labor organization, receiving testimony from Senators Nickles and Wellstone; Victoria L. Bor, Sherman, Dunn, Cohen, Leifer & Yellig, on behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and James B. Coppess, on behalf of the Communications Workers of America, both of Washington, D.C.; Raymond J. LaJeunesse, Jr., National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, Springfield, Virginia, on behalf of the National Right to Work Committee; Bob Williams, Evergreen Freedom Foundation, Olympia, Washington; David Stewart, Transport Workers Union of America, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Cindy Omlin, Mead, Washington.

Committee recessed subject to call.

## GULF WAR ILLNESSES

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Committee resumed hearings to examine the United States Government's response with regard to the disclosure of information on the possible exposure of United States and allied troops to chemical and biological weapons during the Persian Gulf War and the handling of health care concerns of U.S. veterans, focusing on a related General Accounting Office report, receiving testimony from Donna Heivilin, Director of Planning and Reporting, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 38 public bills, H.R. 2034–2071; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 85–87, H. Con. Res. 106–107, and H. Res. 175, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1086, to codify without substantive change laws related to transportation and to improve the United States Code, amended (H. Rept. 105–153); and

H. Res. 176, providing for consideration of a concurrent resolution providing for adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period (H. Rept. 105–154).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Wickert to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Department of Defense Authorization Act:** By a recorded vote of 304 ayes to 120 noes, Roll No. 236, the House passed H.R. 1119, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999; and agreed to amend the title. The House completed general debate and considered amendments to the bill on June 19, 20, 23, and 24.

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Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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On a demand for a separate vote on an amendment agreed to in the Committee of the Whole:

By a yea-and-nay vote of 204 yeas to 219 nays, Roll No. 235, rejected the Rohrabacher amendment that sought to prohibit any Cooperative Threat Reduction (Nunn-Lugar) funds to be expended when it becomes known to the Secretary of Defense that Russia has transferred to the People's Republic of China an SS-N-22 missile system (agreed to in the